

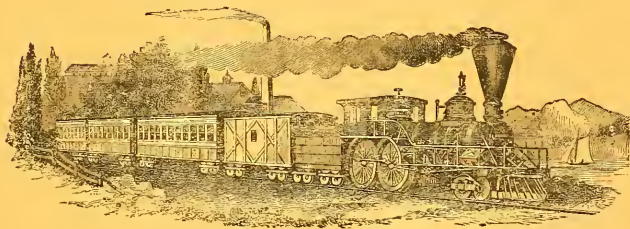
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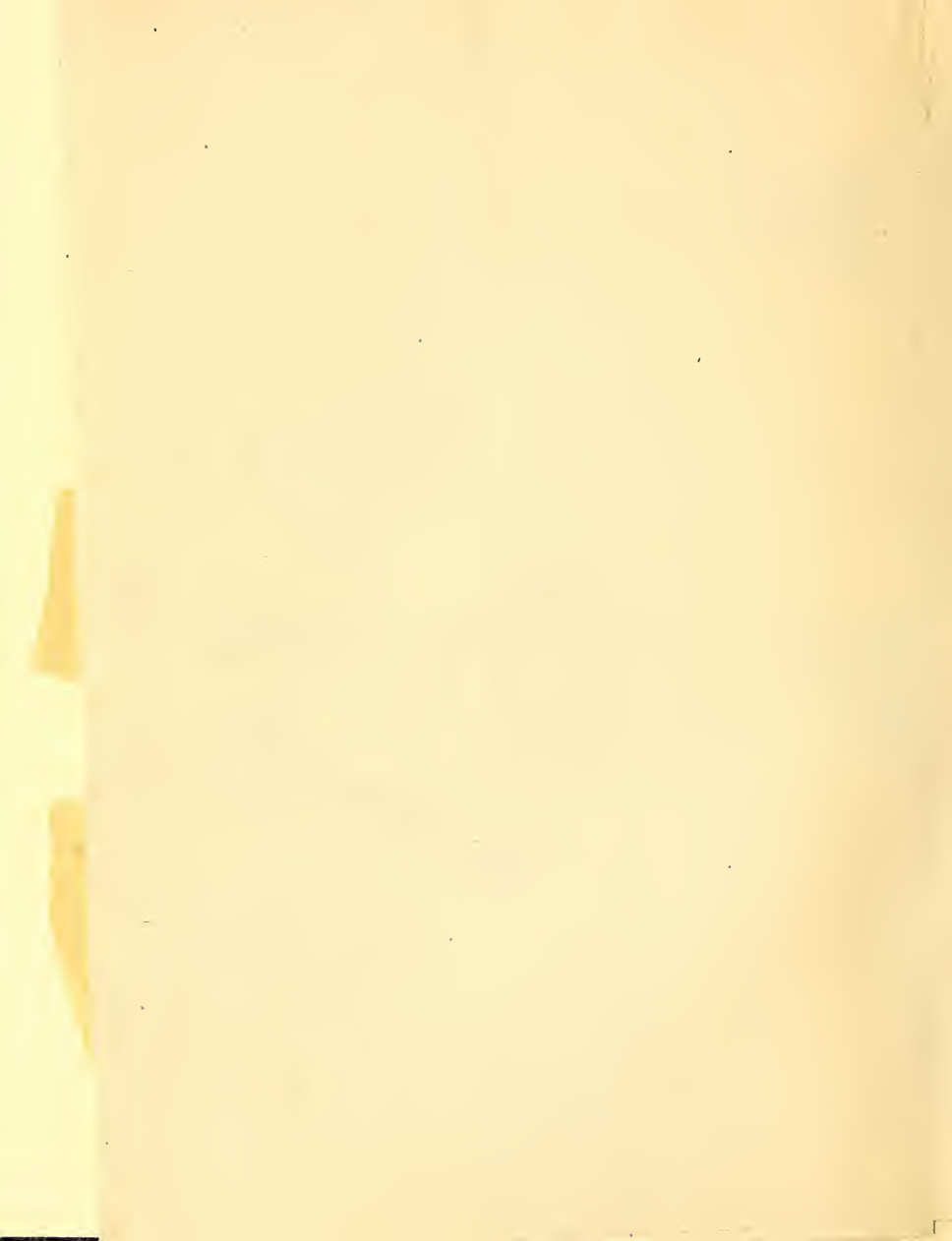
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BALTIMORE & OHIO

RAILROAD

Eight Minutes Ride from Washington City.





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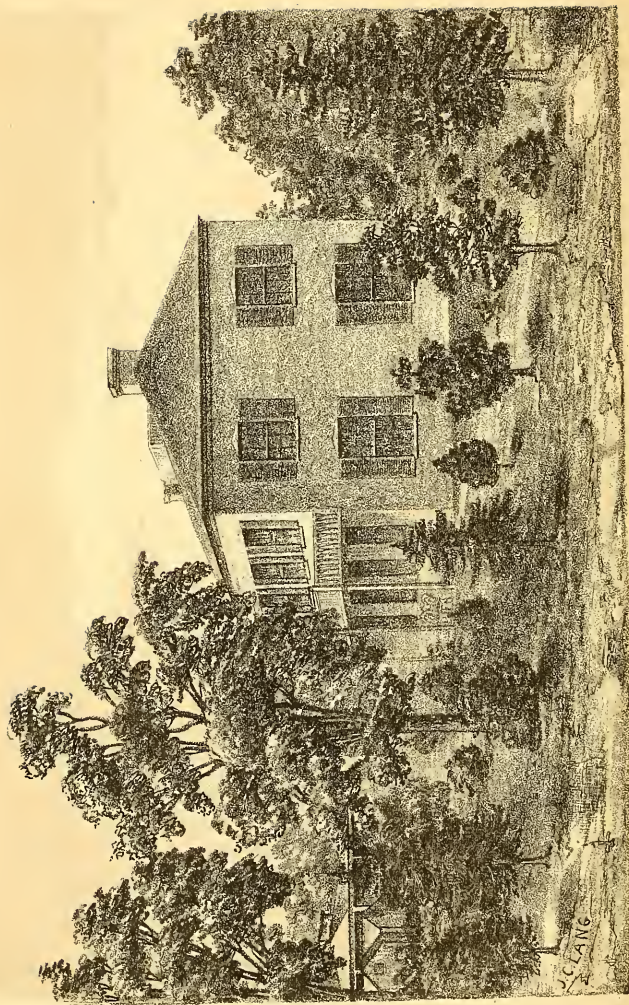
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CENTRAL MANSIONED
and Highland Park, N.Y.

SIZE OF LOTS AND VILLA SITES,

WITH SCALE OF PRICES.

VILLA SITES lying west of High-land Park.		No. sq. feet.	Price pr. sq. foot. cts.
No. 1.....	34,736½	4	
2.....	28,951½	4	
3.....	86,067	3	
4.....	38,129	2	
5.....	56,909½	2	
6.....	23,061½	3	
7.....	20,967½	3	
8.....	13,926½	4	
9.....	27,968	4	
10.....	41,761	3	
11.....	31,726	3	
12.....	28,082½	3	
13.....	36,315½	3	
14.....	34,050	3	
15 (Fairmount House).....	80,570½		
16.....	43,346	3	

GRAND VIEW VILLA SITES (east of High-land Park).

No. 1.....	27,563	5
2.....	26,160	5
3.....	25,583½	5
4.....	24,358½	5
5.....	24,087½	5
6.....	29,219	5
7.....	26,907½	5
8.....	22,829	5
9.....	25,907½	5

Square No. 1.

Lot No. 1.....	3,060	5
2.....	3,060	5
3.....	3,060	5
4.....	3,060	5
5.....	3,060	5
6.....	3,060	5
7.....	3,060	5
8.....	3,060	5
9.....	3,060	5
10.....	3,060	5
11.....	3,060	5
12.....	3,060	5
13.....	3,000	5
14.....	3,000	5
15.....	3,000	5
16.....	3,000	5
17.....	3,000	5
18.....	3,000	5
19.....	3,000	5
20.....	3,000	5
21.....	3,000	5
22.....	3,000	5
23.....	3,000	5

	No. sq. feet.	Price pr. sq. foot. cts.
24.....	3,000	5
25.....	3,100	5
26.....	3,100	5
27.....	3,100	5
28.....	3,100	5
29.....	3,100	5
30.....	3,100	5
31.....	3,100	6

Square No. 2.

All lots in this square contain.....	3,000	5
except lot No. 23 at public square, which contains.....	3,260	5

Square No. 3.

Villa Site No. 1.....	12,355	5
2.....	5,950	5
3.....	5,208	5
4.....	7,950	5
5 and 6.....	11,444	5
7.....	8,036	5
8.....	5,024½	5
9.....	5,518	5
10.....	7,587	5

Square No. 4.

All lots in this square contain.....	3,000	5
except lot No. 41 at public square, which contains.....	3,260	5

Square No. 5.

All lots in this square contain.....	3,000	5
except lot No. 43, which contains.....	3,500	5

Square No. 6.

All lots in this square contain.....	3,000	5
except lots No. 6 and 7, which contain.....	4,540	5

Square No. 7.

All lots in this square contain.....	3,000	5
except lot 7 at public square, which contains.....	3,010	5

Square No. 8.

Lots No. 1 and 12.....	5,023	5
2 and 13.....	6,417½	5
3 and 14.....	5,992½	5

Square No. 9.

All lots in this square contain.....	3,000	5
except lot No. 7 at public square, which contains.....	3,010	5

Lot No.	Square No. 10.			Price		
	No.	sq.	pr. sq.	feet.	foot.	cts.
1	1		3,000	5		
2	2		3,000	5		
3	3		3,000	5		
4	4		3,000	5		
5	5		3,000	5		
6	6		3,000	5		
7	7		3,500	5		
8	8		3,000	5		
9	9		3,000	5		
10	10		3,000	5		
11	11		3,000	5		
12	12		3,000	5		
13	13		3,000	5		
14	14		3,000	5		
15	15		3,000	5		
16	16		3,000	5		
17	17		3,000	5		
18	18		3,538	5		
19	19		3,690	5		
20	20		3,934	5		
21	21		4,239	5		
22	22		4,559	5		
23	23		4,804	5		
24	24		5,063	5		
25	25		5,368	5		
26	26		5,612	5		
27	27		3,000	5		
28	28		3,000	5		
29	29		3,000	5		
30	30		3,000	5		
31	31		3,000	5		
32	32		3,000	5		
33	33		3,000	5		
34	34		3,000	5		
35	35		3,000	5		
36	36		3,000	5		
37	37		2,767½	5		
38	38		2,767½	5		
39	39		2,767½	5		
40	40		2,767½	5		
41	41		2,767½	5		
42	42		2,767½	5		
43	43		2,767½	5		
44	44		4,139	5		
45	45 (Rural Cottage)		9,430	5		
46	46		7,328	5		
47	47		3,000	5		
48	48		3,000	5		
49	49		3,000	5		
50	50		3,000	5		
51	51		3,000	5		
52	52		3,000	5		
53	53		2,400	5		

Square No. 11.

Lot No. 1	1	3,000	5
2	2	3,000	5
3	3	3,000	5
4	4	3,000	5
5	5	3,000	5
6	6	3,000	5
7	7	3,500	5
8	8	3,500	5
9	9	3,500	5
10	10	3,000	5

Lot No.	Square No. 12.			Price		
	No.	sq.	pr. sq.	feet.	foot.	cts.
11	11		3,000	5		
12	12		3,000	5		
13	13		3,000	5		
14	14		3,000	5		
15	15		3,000	5		
16	16		19,695	5		
17	17		18,800	5		
18	18		17,155	5		
19 and 20	19 and 20		28,889½	5		
21	21		17,929	5		
22	22		19,708	5		
23	23		21,210	5		

Square No. 12.

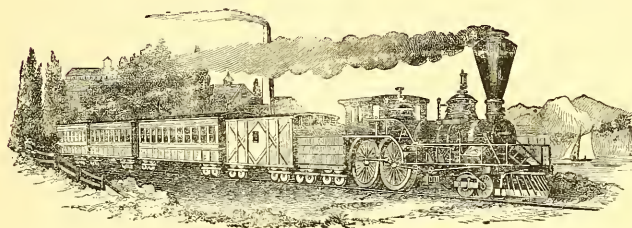
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7	7	3,100	5
8	8	3,000	5
9	9	3,000	5
10	10	3,000	5
11	11	3,000	5
12	12	3,000	5
13	13	3,000	5
14	14	3,000	5
15	15	3,000	5
16	16	3,000	5
17	17	3,000	5
18	18	3,000	5
19	19	3,000	5
20	20	3,000	5
21	21	3,000	5
22	22	3,000	9
23	23	3,000	5
24	24	3,000	5
25	25	3,000	5
26	26	3,000	5
27	27	2,460	4
28	28	3,100	4
29	29	3,100	4
30	30	3,100	4
31	31	3,100	4
32	32	3,100	4
33	33	3,100	4
34	34	3,000	5
35	35	3,000	5
36	36	3,000	5
37	37	3,000	5
38	38	3,000	5
39	39	3,000	5
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41	41	3,000	5
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43	43	3,000	5
44	44	3,000	5
45	45	3,000	5
46	46	3,000	5
47	47	3,000	5
48	48	3,000	5
49	49	3,000	5
50	50	3,000	5
51	51	3,000	5
52	52	3,000	5

		Price	
		No. sq. feet.	pr. sq. foot. cts.
Square No. 13.			
Lot No. 1.....	3,000	3	
2.....	3,000	3	
3.....	3,000	3	
4.....	3,000	3	
5.....	3,000	3	
6.....	3,000	3	
7.....	3,000	3	
8.....	3,000	3	
9.....	3,000	3	
10.....	2,760	3	
11.....	2,808	3	
12.....	3,000	3	
13.....	3,000	3	
14.....	3,000	3	
15.....	3,000	3	

		Price	
		No. sq. feet.	pr. sq. foot. cts.
16.....	3,000	3	
17.....	3,000	3	
18.....	3,000	3	
Square No. 14.			
Lot No. 1.....	3,000	4	
2.....	3,000	4	
3.....	3,000	4	
4.....	3,000	4	
5.....	3,000	4	
6.....	3,000	4	
7.....	8,522	3	
8.....	5,883	3	
9.....	6,987	3	
10.....	8,875	3	

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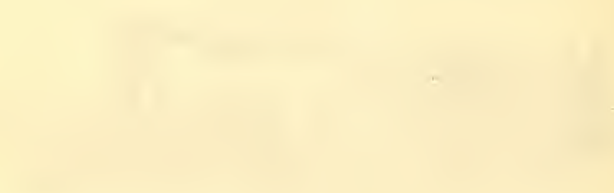
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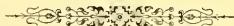
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Overlooking BLADENSBURG and HYATTSVILLE on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, both places being in full view, lies

"THE HIGHLANDS,"

the future "NE PLUS ULTRA" of suburban places about Washington!

This place was late the magnificent residence of J. P. Bartholow, and riding out from the Capitol City by either the Baltimore and Ohio Railway or the Baltimore Turnpike, it is found lying just between these two important thoroughfares and fronting upon both.

By a ride upon this turnpike, acknowledged to be one of the finest suburban drives about Washington, the time necessarily consumed is but thirty minutes and by rail only eight minutes.

So naturally adapted to the purposes to which at last it has been dedicated, is the location and ground at this point, that the late owner was often earnestly requested, by many who specially desired to purchase and build, to lay off at least a part of the place in **buildings & lots.**

**The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad,
The Baltimore and Washington Turnpike, and
The Georgetown Road,**

which latter passes through the place, all furnish fronts for building upon, outside of the many wide avenues laid out.

The bill, which has recently passed both houses of Congress, and been approved by the President, incorporating the Columbia Railway Company, will soon put a third and convenient mode of travel from the City to **The Highlands**, to wit: A line of street cars,—thereby giving the choice of three different means of transit to and from the city, and putting residents there in as frequent and perhaps more easy communication with the business centre of Washington than they would have if residing in the remote streets thereof, or in Georgetown. This line of cars, leave 15th street at the Treasury Department, following New York avenue to its intersection at Seventh street and Massachusetts avenue, and thence on Mas-

sachusetts avenue to the intersection of the same with H street, and thence following H street to the Toll Gate at the City Boundary ; thence by the line of the Columbia Turnpike passing the entire length of **The Highlands** and running to Bladensburg. The bill fixes the fare at not to exceed seven cents from 15th street west.

The advantages of having these several distinct means of frequent communication with the city will not fail to commend itself above that of having but one means of transit to and fro.

The Regular Station, known upon the cards of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company as "**Penn's Crossing**," is upon this ground.

Commuted tickets, enabling passengers to pass to and fro, between Washington City and *The Highlands*, as often as they desire, are issued at an expense of but from ten to twelve cents per day—*less than* the business men of Washington and others pay daily to ride upon the street cars to their homes in those streets distant from the business parts of the city itself. **with a large saving of time.**

The Situation of The Highlands

is unsurpassed in every particular, and it is absolutely more delightful in its location and all its picturesque surroundings, with all the requirements (in the way of **Churches, Schools, Stores, Mills, &c.,**) for an immediate home. than any other spot that could be chosen.

The thirty minutes' drive by the pike or the eight minutes' ride by rail into the city are each attended with ease and comfort, partaking of real pleasure.

The place has the acknowledged benefit of a Railroad Depot *upon the spot*, which, in these modern times, has become the **almost demanded requirement** for a town or city site. It is also entirely free from nuisances, and by the most stringent restrictions will be thus preserved in every respect.

The Building of Cottages, Villas, & Dwellings

of various kinds is, if desired, combined here with the sales of the building sites, such arrangements having been made with prominent builders, and care will be taken that a class of residences and buildings shall be erected, which shall do honor to the place and make it the suburban place of Washington, where the merchant or other business man may retire at the close of his day's labor, and find content-

ment and pleasure in looking about him, together with the most unexceptionable neighbors and society; and as the number of building spots are very limited, the proprietors can safely promise that this shall be carried out "to the letter."

Plans of several fine Villas and Dwellings

are on exhibition at the Office, containing from six to ten rooms each, with modern improvements, which will be built on these lots at an expense of from fifteen hundred to three thousand dollars, with but one fourth payable when work is complete, and the balance in monthly payments scarcely exceeding city rents. The attention of the Public is especially directed to this important feature, and they are invited to call and see the Plans of the houses, which it is proposed to build upon these terms.

A handsome Cottage for \$1,600.

A Fine Villa Residence for \$2,300.

A large Country Residence for \$3,000.

One-fourth payment only required when work is complete, balance in instalments not to exceed \$50 per month.

A number of these kinds of houses will be erected upon lots variously located, which have been already secured by the most responsible builders in Washington, and offered for sale, so that the great point in making a real suburban town of "*The Highlands*" is gained—that of having it built up and occupied by the best class of citizens from the Capitol City, as the class who have already made purchases fully insures.

The villa for \$2,300, of which the plan and design "No. 3" is to be found in this book, contains seven rooms, has a bath room, two bay windows, a pleasant verandah, and other modern improvements, and is a perfect model of taste, beauty, and comfort. Several of these houses have been erected by the same builders in Washington, and have given great satisfaction.

The public will observe that these terms place the owning of a home within

the reach of all of even limited means at hand. There are many persons of moderate means who aspire to owning a **home** for themselves and their families—a desirable home, to which they can invite their friends, first, because **it is a home** and their home; and second, because it is a delightful place, free from any surrounding nuisances, and which, therefore, is a continual pleasure to those so fortunate as to be either occupants or visitors. They would be glad to get such a home at any moderate price if they knew where it could be found within easy access at all times of the city, and how they could pay for it.

Now, by the easy payments and reasonable price asked for the building lots at **The Highlands**, and the terms upon which houses can be there secured, this desideratum is obtained.

Orders for the erection of a number of fine dwellings have been already placed in the hands of the builders, by several of the best business men of Washington, who have selected **SITES** for the same.

Too much cannot be said of the present

Improvements

in and around this place, and of the great advantages it thus possesses. **Forty thousand dollars worth of houses** and other improvements already upon the ground; it being in the immediate neighborhood of the villages of Bladensburg, and Hyattsville, both of which afford a fine view from the place, and surrounding **Country Homes** thickly dotted on every side, together with what will at once be built upon the building lots already disposed of, all being within the almost immediate reach of the heart of the city, make these villas and building lots as desirable as city property, and in very many respects vastly preferable to such.

It is widely known that the late proprietor of this naturally beautiful place lavished a fortune upon it, declaring it to be his intention to make the same the "Paradise of the Southern Country." By an expenditure of thousands of dollars in fertilizing he brought every foot of the ground here offered to the highest possible state of cultivation—the crops resulting from which have been the wonder of the country around. He then proceeded with an outlay of many thousands additional in beautifying and further improvement—hundreds of dollars were also expended in the walling up of choice springs. The place soon became widely known as the "Model Farm."

The "**Prince Georgian**," a newspaper of the county, in which **The Highlands** is situated, in speaking of this place, just before it was subdivided for a

town site, pronounced it "one of the finest, if not the very best pieces of property in the State of Maryland."

The fruit orchards are very extensive and besides these the choicest of fruit trees are interspersed throughout the entire place. In now making selections of building spots the public have the opportunity of having their ground already covered with the finest, young and thrifty, bearing fruits—apples, peaches, pears, plums, &c., &c. The real value of these fruits is admitted by all, and no extra price is charged for the lots or sites containing them.

Wide Avenues

have been laid off, and a space of six feet upon each side will be left in grass which will be arranged so as to have the centre four feet of the same for sidewalks with one foot of grass plat upon each side, which will greatly add to the beauty of the streets of this place.

Wide alleys have also been laid off at the rear of each and all of the building lots. By having a good alley at the rear of their lot one saves considerable space of frontage, which would otherwise have to be used on one whole side of the lot for ingress and egress for carriages, &c., so that really a frontage of forty feet with a good alley at the rear is equal to fifty feet with no alley.

Each street and avenue at The Highlands is now being handsomely fenced in and this is entirely free from any expense to lot owners.

The Want of Homes

to which a family may become attached, and around which the memories of a happy and healthful childhood may cluster in after years—a home where the wife may have her conservatory and other home pleasures away from the dust and unwholesome clamor of city life, in the quiet and peace of beautiful scenery, amid the green fields, fresh air, and religious surroundings of nature—is felt very greatly by city people. To such a home, children's love will cling and each tree and nook, valley and stream has its lessons to them of joy and gladness and health, totally unknown to the feverish and unwholesome life of the city. To such a home the weary merchant, or jaded professional man may return after the perplexities and toils of the day are over as to an elysium, and to such it may not be uninteresting to repeat that **life insurance statistics** assert that of those who transact busi-

ness in the city, the longevity of the life of all who sleep in the country **is increased fifteen per centum.**

As we have before stated there are but a **limited number** of these lots, and those desiring to secure a

Beautiful Home

possessing full city advantages at an extremely low price, should select the same at once, so as to have the choice in location, &c.

The great desire for residences in the country is growing rapidly now, and there appears to be almost a stampede, if we may use the word, to the country about our cities, and Harper's Magazine, to show the **classes** who are so generally choosing an out-of-town residence, says: "The numberless outgoings of late years, from the cities into the rural neighborhoods, of our men of wealth and culture, bearing with them the examples and means of refinement, give very gratifying promise of advance in the public manners and taste. Every settlement thus made is a missionary station of social progress, which, in our ambitious and imitative land must be speedily surrounded with a large parish of disciples, each going forth in turn to teach the faith, until the influence shall spread like the widening circles of pebble-broken water. The harvest, to be by and by reaped from this broadcast sowing of the seeds of the cultivated way of the life in cities, is healthful, for it is the good alone who love the country better than the town."

There are a large number of choice and

Constant Springs of Water

upon the place, in various locations, so that no fear need be entertained as to this important item: that of having the best of water at all seasons of the year.

The Celebrated Sassafras Spring

is upon this place, which runs a stream of three inches of water perpetually—this will be retained for the benefit of the residents.

Beech and Golden Springs

are also large and perpetual and will prove a great benefit to the people of the place. There are several other fine springs—all of very pure water—at different parts of the ground, which will be put in first-rate order.

Central Mansion,

(See Drawing.)

containing twenty-four rooms is located at the northern end of Highland ~~Bank~~ and facing the same, and is destined to become without a single exception the most pleasant and fashionable resort around the Capitol City.

Its surroundings are of great natural beauty and the grounds have of late years been highly improved by beautiful imported and native trees, fruits, and by all that art and good taste could suggest, without regard to cost. The twenty acres of oak grove in front of and around the homestead is the finest one about Washington.

Fairmount Place,

(See Drawing.)

the improvements consisting of a new house of thirteen rooms besides three cellar rooms, and a cistern of filtered water, holding eight thousand gallons, is built in the most elegant and substantial manner, upon a handsome elevation, surrounded by four acres of beautiful grounds—the lawn of this place, fronting upon the Baltimore and Washington Turnpike, has been laid out with walks and shrubbery with great taste, and the balance of the grounds is capable, with but a trifling expense, of being beautified to the highest degree.

This place forms, in all respects, a most desirable country residence, and is offered complete for **twelve thousand dollars**.

Rural Cottage

is finely situated on Georgetown Avenue. It has six rooms, and is surrounded by fine shade trees, and is offered for sale, with a villa lot containing 9,430 square feet of ground, on long time, at a bargain.

Grand View Avenue

forms the dividing line between the grove of Highland Park and the handsome set of Grand View villa sites which front toward the same. These ten villa sites, containing from one-half to upwards of one acre each, are claimed by the proprietors to be as handsome sites for villas as can be found elsewhere about the city. They lie upon the rise of ground next the Park, and overlook Bladensburg and Hyattsville in the distance, and certainly posses many desirable advantages.

The Sixteen Villa Sites

west of **Highland Park**, which include **Villa Heights, West End, Fairmont, Prospect Point, The Seven Cedars, Crown Point, Byron Place, &c.**, are a succession of beautiful mounds or small hills, each commanding a full view of the railway and turnpike, and having fine shade trees, and will no doubt attract the general attention of purchasers of sites for villa homes.

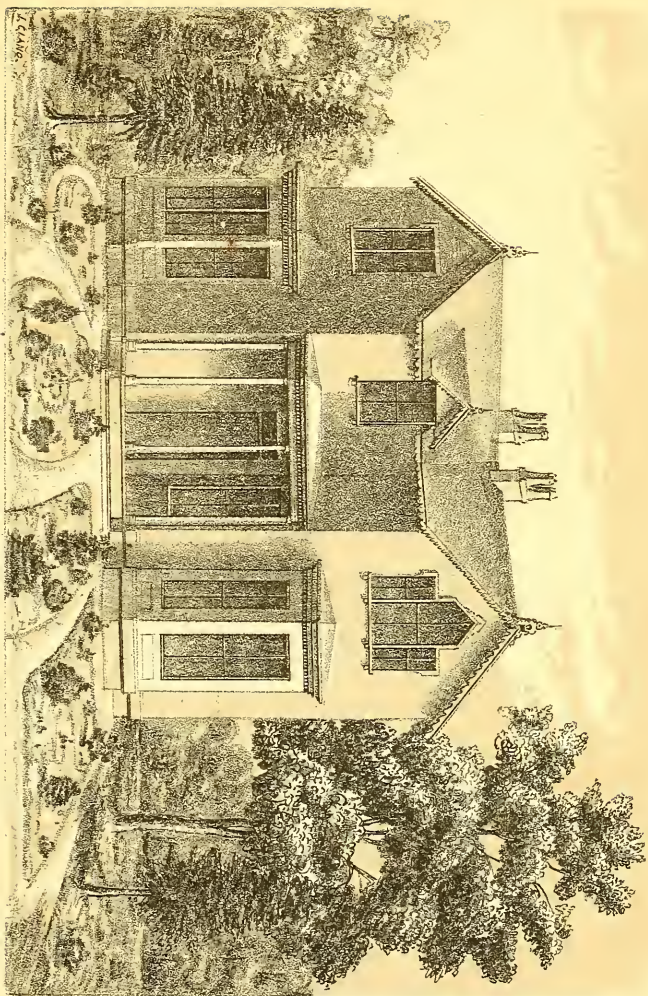
The Proprietors have, in laying off and forming this place, so arranged as to give

Three Public Parks

for the benefit of those who may purchase lots or villa sites here, and which will greatly add to the beauty and comforts of the place. The placing of a **handsome fountain**, which can have a fine supply of water in the center of each of these parks is in contemplation by the proprietors, and this, with many other improvements which will be added, besides the natural beauties of the spot, will all go to make a residence here a **perfect enchantment**.

Ground has been donated by the owners of land lying between The Highlands and Hyattsville for the extension of Railroad avenue to the latter place.

Subscriptions have been opened and freely subscribed to by the people living in the neighborhood of The Highlands for the erection of a handsome church, upon a lot which has been donated by the proprietors for the same; and with the number of churches, schools, &c., already in the immediate vicinity, the elements of a fair suburban place are certainly assured.



COTTAGE
PLAN No. 3.



It is well to look at the

Economy

of such a home. The question, therefore, is—

Is it cheap? for it might be a doubtful investment if rural life, notwithstanding its manifold advantages, were to cost more than a city residence. It is undeniable that one's income in Washington is nearly always a fixed fact, and admits of no great latitude in the discussion of advantages and disadvantages. It is quite certain that a man with \$2,000 per annum would come to grief were he to take upon himself the liabilities of \$4,000, either in city or country, and in rural villages the contrast with actual country life may be very faint. But the great rock upon which every proposition of economy splits, in Washington, is the utterly ruinous and unconscionable rents demanded by landlords, and the fabulously high prices exacted by what are facetiously termed **boarding houses**, whose accommodations are for the most part, in inverse ratio to their charges. **To either of these dilemmas a suburban residence presents the only rational and prudent solution.** The amount paid for rent, or board, in the city, will support a family in the same style, and more elegantly, healthfully, and agreeably in the country, and in three years will **pay for a home**, the amount invested to be of course graduated by the previous expenses, the \$2,000 per annum furnishing a smaller establishment than \$4,000, and \$1,000 than either. These sums do not contemplate a costly villa and retinue of servants, but a comfortable handsome home can be procured in *The Highlands* for from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and the rent of a genteel house in Washington will pay for it, together with all extra expenses, as fare for himself and family, and at the **end of three years the home is his own, and the property has more than doubled in value.**

Under the head of **Economy** also very appropriately may be mentioned the cost of the various necessities of life which all having families have daily throughout life to look for and secure. "The Highlands," being just at the head of tide-water and navigable, by this means families in the vicinity have just put in a winters supply of **Coal** one dollar on a ton cheaper than the same could be had in Washington. **Fresh meats** will also be delivered upon the ground at prices varying from five to ten cents per pound less than all are compelled to pay in the city market. **Vegetables** in any quantities can be had ten per cent cheaper than the same sell for in the city.

It will thus be seen that besides all other advantages of a home here,

there is also a large saving upon all the necessities of life, which in the course of years is of no small moment.

It appears from the reports at the U. S. Census Bureau that Washington stands as having been the **third** city of the Union in the increase of its population during the past ten years, and being probably the only city in the United States of its size without a suburban town, we are satisfied that in a short time the full success of "The Highlands" as such will be fully realized.

The following is extracted from Putnam's Magazine for September. Commenting upon Hon. Frederick L. Olmstead's recent pamphlet, in which he endeavors to show an inclination in all countries to gather into towns, the editor says :

"We do not believe, however, that the country is going to be wholly deserted for the cities; on the contrary, we think that by means of a park-like arrangement rural neighborhoods may be made as attractive as any towns. The great drawback of country life now is its solitariness, or the want of those conveniences which are to be found only in larger aggregations of families. * * * The remedy for this is in some sort of united settlement, where the lands, though not owned in common, may be laid out in common, and where a sufficient number of families will be joined together to command a good market, good teachers, and an adequate social intercourse. We have heard of one or two of these settlements, not far from this city, where all the advantages of town and country are combined to a surprising extent."

In the laying out of **The Highlands**, the very points suggested by the editor's opinion have been carefully looked to.—Several parks, and springs under shade trees walled up and put in order with convenient seats arranged, have been donated for the benefit of the residents there, and the placing of the fountain in each of the public squares will also materially add to the carrying out of the idea of the editor of "laying out in common" of a suburban or rural town "where a sufficient number of families will be joined together to command a good market, good teachers, and an adequate social intercourse."

The proprietors feel assured that the citizens of Washington will at once perceive its benefits.

The Highlands

HAS ALSO AN HISTORICAL INTEREST, which makes a visit to it well worth the while, it having been the *Battle Ground* of the engagement between the American and British forces, known as the

Battle of Bladensburg.

fought in the month of August, 1814, which resulted in the capture of our National Capitol by the British, and in connection with which the main fruit

orchard, spoken of herein, and the Old Barn then there, (and from the timbers of which the present Red Barn, on Washington avenue was built,) bear a conspicuous reference. This was the orchard which, by its low branches, protected the British troops, and in which they were when the Americans were driven from the barn in question. This battle commenced at the lower end of this place and extended back as the American troops kept retiring over the whole length of the place, the British finally pressing on and capturing the city of Washington.

General Stansbury, one of the American generals who commanded at this battle, in his report to the War Department, dated November 15, 1814, says: "On arriving in the *Orchard*, near the mill, I directed the artillery to post themselves behind a small breastwork of dirt that had lately been thrown up by Col. Wadsworth. This battery commanded the pass into Bladensburg, and the bridge southwesterly of the town—the artillery consisted of six 6-pounders—Major Pinckney's battalion of riflemen on the right, under cover of the town and bushes, also commanding the pass by the bridge, two companies from Lieut. Col. Shutz's regiment acting as riflemen, although principally armed with muskets, on the left of the artillery, near, and protected by the barn, intended to defend the road leading by the mill—[being the present Georgetown avenue at The Highlands]—Col. Sterritt's regiment was halted in the orchard on the right and in the rear, and the regiments of Colonels Ragan and Shutz were also halted in the orchard. While giving some directions to the artillery I found Colonel Ragan's [and Shutz's regiments had been moved out of the orchard up the hill and formed in order of battle, about two hundred and fifty yards above the orchard—[where the present Grand View Villa sites are laid out.] Thus uncovered by the orchard their situation and numbers were clearly seen by the enemy and the flanks of the artillery and riflemen left unprotected and laid liable to be turned."

Among other local interests in the vicinity of "The Highlands" may be seen

The Noted Dueling Ground.

This spot being near the main turnpike, and just outside the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, was easy of approach from the City of Washington and convenient for escape from the authorities of Maryland. It is by the side of a small stream of water, hemmed in by hills rising on each side, which stood like sentinels to guard the privacy of the place, while it was in those days further screened from observation by a thick foliage of trees and heavy matted vines overhanging, and a dense undergrowth, so that in every respect it seemed peculiarly adapted for the objects to which it had been dedicated. Along the bank of this stream the cattle by dint of patient engineering, had trampled a path in search of shade or water.

A writer of many years ago in speaking of this spot says: this narrow cowpath was the

Field of Honor.

Here in the dim twilight not fifty yards from the road, the impetuous spirits of Washington City and the States adjacent, brought their controversies for adjustment. It was an appeal final from the rhetoric of words to the logic of arms. It was the court of last resort, in which knotty points of etiquette, abstruse social problems, and questions of veracity, propriety and right were expounded by the convincing power of gunpowder.

The process of ratiocination was exceedingly luminous and so simple as to be adapted to the commonest capacity. It was based on the theory of some supposed connection between saltpetre and a change of opinion. It assumed that an argument made by a rhetorician might be unintelligible or inconclusive, but that a syllogism propelled by powder, if properly aimed, could hardly fail to carry conviction to the dullest intellect. It believed that the intricate bearing of a subject could be best investigated at ten paces, and that propositions, difficult and apparently irreconcilable, by a piece of hollow hardware, held parallel to the observers line of vision, could be rendered perfectly simple and harmonious—hence the pistol was esteemed the most effective of moral agents, though new views of duty were sometimes revealed through the rifle, and obstinate ideas exploded through the musket.

Principals with their friends, seconds with their instruments of death, and surgeons with their instruments of relief, were generally the sole witnesses of these desperate proceedings. The ground was measured, the choice decided, the antagonists placed, the word spoken, and then by an administration of justice somewhat peculiar, if the *honor* which had demanded redress limped away with the loss of its leg, or if the reputation which had sought to vindicate itself from unmerited aspersion, received a ball through its heart, the "satisfaction" was deemed most ample and complete.

What peculiar virtues there were in the particular cow-path referred to, that it should have been accorded such high preminence, and that it should have been selected by duelists even from the remoter States of the Union, it would be a difficult task to determine.

The Surrounding Scenery

is beautiful, and no spot about the Capitol City can boast of such variety, and at once so desirable a view as this presents in all directions from the ground. Certainly

No Suburbs of the City of Washington

can for one moment compare with it in desirability, and no vicinity has the attractiveness and improvement which this one possesses. The putting down of the

Street Railroad

preparatory to the running of street cars to this point will, as we before remarked,

make it more desirable than the majority of even city property, as

The Contiguity to Washington

of **The Highlands**, with its various modes of easy access, will especially commend itself to the business man as a spot where he may retire after the labors of the day, with the certainty of having healthful and pure air; free from dust and filth, and which will prove far more pleasant than a residence in any part of the city.

This property has been laid off in villa sites and building lots of sizes to suit the public, with spacious avenues and wide alleys at the rear.

The matter of having but

Nominal Taxes

is one of no small consideration. **The Highlands** being situated just outside the District line, the heavy District taxes are avoided. The Taxes upon these lots for the present year have been paid by the proprietors.

The Highlands is bordered upon the west by the fine estate of the late John C. Rives, which, by his will, dated April 24th, 1864, upon certain contingencies not improbable to occur, becomes the property of the United States Government, in which case, from its proximity to the United States Capitol, it will, no doubt, be transformed into a fine public institution.

The Highlands is also located just at the head of tide water and navigation via the Eastern Branch—and the vicinity abounds in *excellent fishing*. Perch, fall fish, and thousands of fine herring, have been taken by a single haul of the seine here, and the fish are certainly very fine in their season. Many other varieties of the finny tribe may be here caught in great numbers by the disciples of Izaak Walton.

In this vicinity is also one of the finest, if not the very best, bathing places to be found around Washington—the water being clear, cool, and having a fine sandy bottom.

It is one of the healthiest localities known!

There has also been reserved at "The Highlands" a **Spa Spring**, furnishing the same water as the widely known

Spa Springs

at Bladensburg, which are but a short walk distant, and for a period of fifty years, have been so noted for their medicinal properties. That the ingredients of this water are powerful and salutary and are of great benefit to all classes of persons, is a well known fact.

We subjoin the following certificates of our highest professional men :

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28, 1868.

To the Hon. William F. Purcell :

SIR : My opinion of the value of the mineral waters of the spring, known as the Spa Spring, at Bladensburg, having been asked, I cheerfully answer that I have known the Spring all my life, since my early childhood, and it always had a high reputation as a curative agent. This induced my attention to it as a professional man, and I have been in the habit of advising its use for the last thirty-five years, and it has proved so efficient as a tonic and alterative, that my opinion in its favor has become stronger and stronger every year ; and I do not now hesitate to recommend its use to all invalids who require a chalybeate tonic and alterative.

Yours, very truly,

W. B. MAGRUDER, *M. D.*

I fully concur in the opinion of Dr. Magruder, that the Spa Spring, at Bladensburg, is a very valuable tonic, where a chalybeate is indicative.

J. C. HALL, *M. D.*

I consider the Spa Spring, located at Bladensburg, a valuable tonic and alterative, decidedly beneficial in many cases requiring the use of chalybeates.

F. HOWARD, *M. D.*

I fully concur in opinion with Drs. Magruder, Hall, and Howard.

JOHNSON ELIOT, *M. D.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27, 1868.

Hon. William F. Purcell, Judge of Orphans' Court, D. C. :

DEAR SIR : In answer to your inquiries I will state that the Spa Spring, near Bladensburg, Prince George's County, Md., has had a considerable reputation as a medicinal agent for more than forty years. I have never seen any analysis of the waters, but, from their use by myself and others, believe them to be highly

impregnated with iron. I have known many instances in which individuals have been benefitted by their use, by residing in their neighborhood, and drinking freely of them.

Very respectfully, your friend,

N. YOUNG, *M. D.*

Bills looking to the abolition of the charter, granted in 1810 to the **Columbia Turnpike Company**, for their Turnpike from Washington to Baltimore, have been introduced in both Houses of Congress, that in the Senate, having been favorable to the abolition, was reported upon by the committee. This turnpike company's charter, as granted by the State of Maryland, was ten years ago abolished by action of the State Legislature, the remnant now in existence being but about two and one half miles in length. There is no doubt but this will be declared free soon after the reassembling of Congress, next December, and this Pike will then, undoubtedly, be widened to 66 feet, the same width as that **broad and magnificent drive to Glenwood cemetery**, which, added to the natural beauties of the drive in this direction, will open up a very popular thoroughfare far surpassing all others out from Washington.

The Drive from Washington

commencing at the Capitol, running thence out Maryland avenue to the toll gate, past Mount Olivet cemetery to Bladensburg, and Spa Spring, and returning, passing through **The Highlands** and thence to Glenwood cemetery, or by way of "Soldiers Home" to the city, passes by and in immediate proximity to the residences and estates of Dr. Palmer, the late Col. Wm. Hickey, Col. C. M. Alexander, Hon. Clark Mills, the celebrated Sculptor, Col. Wright Rives, Mr. H. L. Carleton, Mrs. Clemson, George W. Riggs, Banker, Hon. Hugh McCulloch, late Secretary of the Treasury, the late Asst. Postmaster General Dundas, Col. Brooks, Chief Justice Chase, Mr. Middleton, Hon. Wm. W. Corcoran, and many other prominent persons, is one used very much by those desiring a quiet and pleasurable drive.

For Business Men,

who need to secure the following general advantages, in the selection of their homes :

Contiguity to the Business Center,

Ease and Comfort in Traveling,
 Frequency in Communication,
 Entire Healthfulness of Location,
 Beauty and Extent of Prospect,
 Absolute Freedom from Nuisance,
 Desirability as an Investment,
 Increase of Value of the Property.

The Highlands presents inducements rarely to be met with, as a visit there will fully show.

The Title.

A full and complete abstract of the Title to this property, certified to by the Clerk of the Court and by *Messrs. Marbury and Wheeler*, lawyers of the highest standing in the county, may be seen at the Office of the proprietors,

Our Prices!

The choice in the lots containing from *three to four thousand square feet of ground* for \$150, a small portion cash and the balance on one year time in four equal payments.

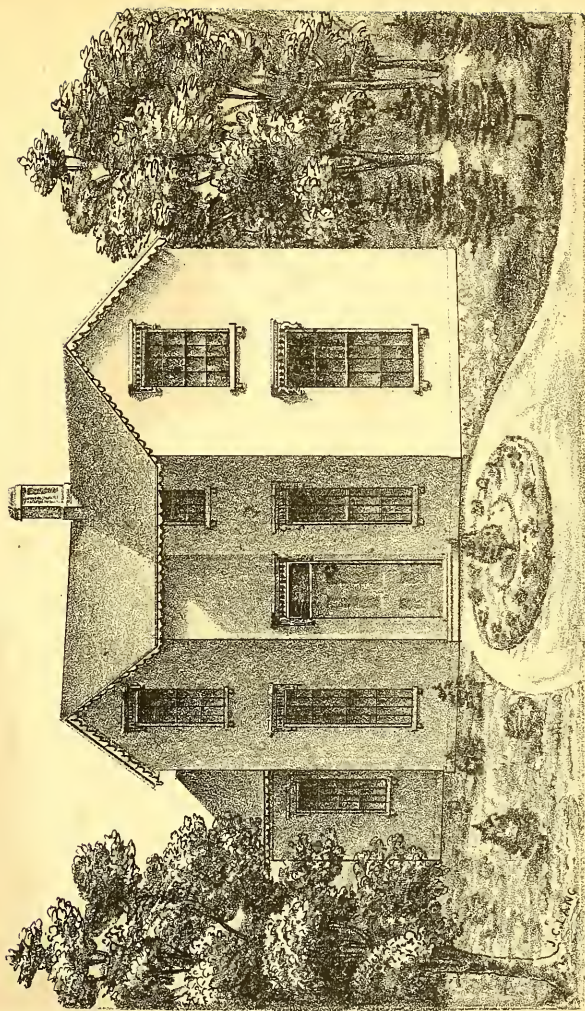
A discount of 5 per cent. made on all cash purchases.

For the larger lots and villa sites for two to five cents per square foot, according to location, on same time as above or longer, if desired.

Of course this price applies where the purchaser does not desire the erection of a residence upon the lot he selects. In that case *the two are combined*, requiring so much down and the balance in monthly payments to suit.

The proprietors take the liberty of advising all who have an intention of purchasing a site here to do so at an early day as it would be most economical for them to avail themselves of the present prices as they are now placed in the market at the lowest possible figures.

It only consumes thirty minutes to drive out, by one of the most delightful of drives, to pay this spot a visit. All are made welcome and all courtesies extended. Or a quicker ride from the city is afforded by the Railroad, which only takes eight minutes and is accompanied with but a



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trifling expense, and to look over this handsome place with its many historical and local interests, certainly well repays the visitor.

Let all at least visit and see the place, whether they intend to secure one of its building spots or not.

By calling at the office of the proprietors, any party desiring to be shown the place will be taken there at any time free of expense, and any and all information respecting the same cheerfully given, where also maps and pamphlets will be furnished upon application.

Photographs executed by Gardner of the entire place, and improvements thereon may be also seen at the office.

Parties desiring to visit The Highlands by Railroad, in the morning, should leave the depot of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at 9.25, or in the afternoon at 4.10. In eight minutes afterward they will be upon the ground, where they will always find parties to show them about, free of any expense, and to render them all desired information. Visitors can return to the city by rail at almost any hour in the day.

An editorial, which appeared in the "New York Tribune" of August 31, 1870, puts forth such forcible truths in favor of the possessing of just such a home as is here offered, and is worth a careful perusal in such connection. It is entitled:

"NATURE VERSUS HOTELKEEPERS."

"The holiday of the year is nearly over. Our correspondents have written up the Summer for us as thoroughly as the war: yet, on glancing over their letters, we are struck by a certain sameness on one point. They give us glimpses of Nature in all kinds of poses and moods: the sea, the mountains, crystal skies, and breezy woods, but all set in costly frames, labeled by their showmen, the hotelkeepers, as worth from three to twenty dollars per day for a view. A poor man might be impelled in the bitterness of his soul to ask if Mother Nature was in the market, with the rest of the world's good things, to be sold to the highest bidder; and if the dry-goods kings and liquor-lords, who monopolize the opera and terrapin in Winter, were to put the cure which God gives gratis to the sick world in Summer of salt seas and wholesome clover fields, into their pockets and walk away with it. It looks like it. From the first broiling days in June, the world was all before the man with money, where to choose. A dirty green-back was the only key needed to open to him dusky rivers, pinnacles of snow, primitive forests, or crisp waves on yellow sands. In the mean time the great masses with which our cities are filled—laborers, mechanics, and that innumerable class whose culture exceeds their means—drone on at work-bench, desk, and sewing machine day after day, their only insight into the bounteous Summer the red hot pavements underfoot, or the sun in a coppery sky. If Mr. Lowell still labors under the delusion that there is no

price for the lavish Summer, and June may be had by the poorest comer, or even by the man with one or two thousand dollars a year, let him only put himself in the place of a bookkeeper or salesman, and try to get two weeks' country lodging for his wife and five children. Our word for it, he will waken up to the fact that there are a great many middlemen between Nature and her children who have to be consulted before they can come to repose upon her bosom.

"The matter is not one for jest. The natural tendency of American life is overwork for both men and woman, and over-tension on the nervous system. Now, rest is as absolute a law of nature as labor, and the man who persistently violates this law pays the penalty in unable muscles, brain, and digestive organs, and mostly in that impalpable, swift, fatal decrease of vital energy, most dangerous of all. Our defenses, physical and social, against overwork or trouble are naturally weak. We have fewer holidays, fewer amusements among us, than any other nation. We have neither the lightheartedness of the Frenchman, the elastic indifference of the Celt, nor the dogged stolidity of the Englishman. The stroke of ill luck or the grief which a Frenchman would dance and an Irishman drink away, and John Bull never feel at all, the American fights his way over. But it wears and cankers long in his brain. He is bilious, morbid; he conquers Fortune at the cost of a torpid liver, dyspeptic stomach, and irritable temper. The great social need of the nation, as it is represented in the cities, is rest and amusement. The noon of the year seems to be offered to us for this very purpose. Disease and intolerable heat on one side drive the tired workman and his wife with their sickly children out of town, and the boundless quiet and rest of woods and pure air and sweet-smelling harvest fields wait to give them cure and strength. Now what does the workman or clerk ordinarily do in this case? Say that he can afford a week or a fortnight's time and fifty or a hundred dollars. In nine cases out of ten the money is spent in a new gaudy dress for his wife, and two or three days at a hot, over-crowded watering place, where Nature was never heard of, and the poor woman gapes open-eyed at fashionable toilets, her heart bitter with envy, and her brain aching to devise means to imitate them in her own calicoes and delaines. The children, if they have any part in this chance for fresh life and strength, are dragged into the same vulgar treadmill, and they all go back to the old routine in town with fresh anxiety and discontent, and body and mind exhausted and debased. The Summer is ended, and they are not saved. The story repeats itself in the great mass of city families. Its results are trite and grave enough. It is not chronic disease nor epidemic, our physicians attest, which shortens the average American life, but abuse and overwork. It is greatly owing to the lack of softening, liberal, and wholesome influences of Nature on our children and youth that they harden into sharp, narrow, and vicious men.

A few words of practical advice to end this dreary summing up of facts. A poor mechanic in this city last Spring saved enough to allow him a few weeks holiday. Eight dollars bought a tent, a few kitchen utensils, and the work-day clothes of his wife and children were packed in a box; ten dollars conveyed the whole by railway and country stage route, to a wild part of the Jersey coast. Fish, crabs, game (and that of the best) were to be had for the taking; butter, potatoes, &c., were cheaper than in town. John came back to his work-bench ruddy and stout, his shoulders back, head up, talking like a very Nimrod of the chase, and began the year's work with an impetus of fresh vigor that would carry him through it. His wife went singing to her work with an insight into the beauty of life and God's goodness that never had come into her life before; the children, born and bred in a stifling alley, babbled of the sea and green fields all through the year. Another family, people of education but small means, hired an unused cottage of three rooms. A little whitewash and matting, books, a print or two, made a home. The region was wild and solitary; for a month the mountains

belonged to them. In both cases they were far removed from the route of ordinary pleasure seekers; consequently the rates of living were cheaper than in town, and there was no tawdry gleam of Fashion to come between them and Nature's steadfast face. We only throw out these hints to show that the poor man as well as the rich man can find his rest if he obstinately ignore Mrs. Grundy. Ponce de Leon's fountain of health, and youth, and life, is yet to be found in the secret fastnesses of Nature, and no hotel-keeper has yet set a price on it."

For those classes of business men whose business is such that they cannot well leave it for the summer, and for those classes who cannot afford to pay the cost of taking their families to a "Watering Place" each summer, a cheap and pleasant residence with a constant every day enjoyment of those great benefits which the "boundless quiet and rest of woods," and "pure air and sweet-smelling harvest fields" alone can give, is offered them at **The Highlands.**

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